goods train between kuneru and Gumada of South Eastern Railway during Septem-lr 1988 on the Rayagada-Vi/ianagaram.

(C) what are the reasons of the derailment of the goods trains at these two places; and

(a) what steps Government propose to lake to prevent such derailments in

IRE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRl MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The cost of damage to railway property on account of these accidents ha^ been estimated at Rs. 15.5 and 10.25 lakhs respectively.

(c) Both the accidents occurred due to Railways staff.

(d) Some of the important steps being taken to prevent such derailments are:—

(i) Increased pice of rehabilitation Of worn-out assets viz. track and rol-Ing stock.

(ii) Special attention to indemnified aecident-prone sections.

(iii) Induction of modern technology to detect rail fractures.

(iv) Modernisation of workshops.

(v) Greater stress on ultrasonic test-tug of axles to detect latent flaws.

(vi) Greater emphasis being laid on improved training of railway staff in the. Zonal Training Schools.

Transfer request of couples in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

20. SHRl ASHOK NATH VERMA: Win the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(c).whether Government have received any representations from Members of Parliament and associations unveiling the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathn's recent de. cision to consider transfer request of its couples only;

Ibj if so, what ure the details ***at*** th' authors and grounds tnereot;

(c) whether the Sangathan lias now corrected/modified the sair decision; and

id) if so, what are the details there-of and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI;: (a) to (d) Yes, Sir, shri Muhiram Saikia, Member of Parlimaent and the All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association have, inter-alia, suggested that no distinction be made between teachers whose spouses are working in Kendriya Vidyalayas or other departments/organisations in respect of cut off date for considering requests for transfers. This is already being done.

Promotions of Departmental candidates im Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

21. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sanga. than has convened any meetings of De-partmental Promotion Committee to consider promotions of departmental candidates to the posts of Deputy Commissioners during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the details of condidates selected for promotion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The information is as under:

year of DPC meeting	Names of candidates selected	Date of joining as Deputy Commissioner
1985-87	Shri S.L. Khanna	28-8-1985
I987-88	Shri V.V. Srikantaiah	3-10-1985
	Shri Puran Chand	29-1-1988

Selection of PGT (History) in Kcndraja Vidyalaya Moscow

22. SHRl YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1997 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the candidates who had appeared for the post of PGT (History) in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow in November, 1987 has been now offered posting in that Kendriya Vidyalaya: and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On the finalisation of the proceedings of the Selection Committee, the post of PGT(History) in Kndriya Vidyalaya. Moscow has been offered to the selected candidate.

India's skill to repair ships

23. SHRl SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether country's shipyards have gained enough technological skill 'for repair of ships, building of ships, trawlers and other equipments for off-shore drilling of oil;

(b) if so what is the amount of foreign •exchange which the country has saved under each of these interns for which we had to depend on foreign help;

(c) which are the areas where difici-c-ncies still exist; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to overcome those deficiencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRi RAJESH PILOT): (a) Indian shipyards possess technological skills for repair of ships and fo_r the building of trawlers, and most varieties of ships and structures required for off-shore drilling.

(b) It is not possible to estimate with precision the saving in foreign exchange.

(c) The deficiency exists mainl) following areas:—

(i) Limited shipbuilding and shipre-pair capacity available in the confery.

(ii) Ships built in Indian yards generally cost more and have longer delivery time when compared to the leadino shipyards abroad.

(iii) Weak financial conditions of the major- shipyards.

(iv) Dependence on foreign inputs such as marine engines, instrumentation, etc.

(v) how productivity in Indian yards.

(d) The steps that have bee_n *ie/ken* are:—

(i) Augmentation and madenisa-lion of existing shiprepair, fariliWfeB in India.